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J. FINLEY WILSON

ATTORNEY PERRY W. HOWARD, Republican National Committeeman for Mississippi and grand legal adviser for the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, takes The Age to task for criticising Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson for the dictatorial manner in which he conducted annual election of the New York State Association of Elks.

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He concludes his letter to us by saying—

"All fair and reasonable minded will hail Mr. Wilson as the greatest fraternal leader in his day and generation."

To which we reply that this is a debatable opinion, for we believe that Mr. Wilson in recent years has done more harm to the Order of Elks by building up a personal machine to perpetuate himself in office for life than he has done good. This machine has taken complete control of the women's auxiliary to the order, exercises dictatorial control over the state associations, and even interferes with purely local affairs within the subordinate lodges. It's gotten so in recent years that if an Elk isn't known to be personally friendly to the Exalted Ruler, he hasn't a chance to hold office however much he may be otherwise qualified.

At one time the Elks had the reputation of being the most democratic among all the fraternal organizations of the race but that reputation has been long since shattered. At one time the Elks Grand Lodge had a substantial bank balance, but not anymore. Each year whatever balance the Grand Lodge has accumulated, is spent in pomp and display at the annual convention. At a time when many fraternal, labor and religious groups are putting their surplus funds in war bonds to help our government, the Elks go in their usual manner having a good time as though there was no war.

Mr. Wilson has long since outlived his usefulness as head of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., and when the time comes to name his successor, we venture the prediction that a law will be passed limiting the term of the Grand Exalted Ruler to not more than two terms. The "greatest fraternal leader in his day and

generation" will be remembered more for being responsible for this limitation of the term of office than for anything else he has done.

Negro fraternal leaders would do well to practice democracy in the organizations which they control if they would convince the world of their faith in the democratic form of government.

Amsterdam Star-News
New York, N. Y.

Elks Re-elect Wilson Ruler At Convention

20,000 March Through
Philadelphia's Streets;
Mayor Gives City Keys

PHILADELPHIA — Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson was reelected by acclamation at the Tuesday morning session of the 43d annual Grand Lodge convention of the P. O. Elks of the World held in Tindley Temple M. E. Church at Philadelphia, August 23-28. Having served for 20 years, Mr. Wilson will rule Negro Elkdom until 1944.

After reading a report for the past year, Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson keynoted the convention by urging that the present buy \$100,000 worth of the million dollar United States Defense Bonds pledge the Elks have made.

Twenty thousand Elks marched in the gay twilight parade Tuesday evening as 200,000 spectators lined Philadelphia's streets and boulevards.

Arranged for the evening so that workers employed in defense plants might take part, the parade started at 6 P. M., and lasted four hours. Elks from seaboard cities packed all lines of transportation and traffic was at a standstill. Members of local lodges and temples composed three-fourths of the paraders.

Stresses War Effort

One of the most colorful spectacles of the parade was J. Finley Wilson's acceptance of the keys to the city of Philadelphia from city officials.

After stressing the importance

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of the war effort, Wilson reviewed cases adjudicated during the year and paid tribute to Brother Elks who passed on.

The grand exalted ruler reported dedications and mortgage burnings of 18 lodges and temples, the addition of 14 new lodges and 19 reinstated, four new P. E. R. councils, one herd and two new civil liberties department.

Among the five major recommendations in the grand exalted ruler's report was the proposal that certified public accountants be employed to examine annually the financial accounts of every lodge and temple with 100 or more members.

Mr. Wilson's unanimous reelection was the result of an informal after-midnight caucus. The majority believes most of the other officers will be reelected in subsequent sessions.

Miss Evelyn Wysinger, 18-year-old high school graduate of Tuscaloosa, Ala., took first honors in the Elks' grand oratorical contest held Tuesday, with her speech on "The Constitution of the United States and the Negro."

Receive Scholarships

An appreciative audience of nearly 2,000 packed Tindley Temple and cheered the speakers who were selected to receive scholarships of \$1,000 to cover a period of four years. The winner received an additional \$150 for her trip, while the other five received \$100 each. The runners-up were: Cecelia Garner, Jennie M. Parker, Ethel Keys, Harriett Davis and Margaret Lee.

Judge William C. Hueston, commissioner of education, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced several speakers who encouraged the youth of Negro America. One of the most forceful of these speakers was Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune.

Grand Secretary James E. Kelly, Birmingham, Ala., read the decision of the judges and awarded Miss Wysinger the J. Finley Wilson trophy.

Mayor Samuels later addressed the convention as a part of the

effort to encourage the subscription of U. S. Defense Bonds.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Major Wright At Top With \$42,000.00

Wilson, Reelected,
Urges \$1,000,000
Purchase As Goal

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — With the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks pledging the purchase of \$105,000 worth of war bonds at its forty-third annual convention here last week, Negro fraternal groups continued their drive to assist the war effort through the purchase of bonds and stamps.

The Elks staged a daily bond rally during the course of the convention after William Pickens, chief Negro Organizations Division, War Savings Staff, Treasury Department, discussed the war savings program.

Aided by Mrs. Nell Hunter of his staff, Mr. Pickens also assisted in a program of selling war stamp corsages to delegates at the convention.

MAYOR WRIGHT PURCHASES \$42,000 WORTH

Pledges and checks from individuals and organizations included a purchase of \$42,000 worth of bonds by Mayor R. R. Wright.

The seven-day meet was enthusiastically entered into by each of the 10,000 Elks visiting here from every part of the country.

Impetus was given the drive at the outset when Eugene Sorrell, grand esquire of Los Angeles, set the pace with an initial purchase of \$1,400 in bonds. From that point on sales never lagged for a moment.

RECOMMEND MILLION

J. Finley Wilson, reelected ruler, in his report strongly recommended the buying of U. S. bonds



MR. WILSON

declaring that Negroes are ready and willing to fight the enemy of this country abroad, and that also they are ready to fight "those gentlemen at home who seek to restrict the Negro's privileges."

MRS. BETHUNE SPEAKS

Another important meeting of the week was the civil liberties meeting, at which Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Judge Harry S. McDevitt, of Philadelphia, spoke.

Mrs. Bethune credited the NYA with breaking down prejudice on behalf of Negroes, and cited the New Deal as the "greatest single factor in the improving of relationship in industry between whites and Negroes."

Judge McDevitt declared that Negroes have full rights to the privileges of American citizens, and emphasized that such privileges connote grave responsibility.

He cautioned that all citizens in these serious times must be prepared to carry the burdens thrust upon them by present-day conditions.

In the public sessions' meeting Tuesday, Gen. Edward Martin,

Republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, told Elks and visitors:

RECORD OF LOYALTY

"We all know the American Negro has a brilliant record of loyalty to

this country. He has fought for it in all our wars beginning with the American Revolution; he is fighting for it today.

Whether you fight with the rifle or fight the battle of war production in the mills and shops, you are helping build a wall of steel and fire against our common enemies.

"I want to call your atten-



MRS. BETHUNE

and stamps and predicted the ultimate goal of \$1,000,000 in purchases by Elks of the World.

Sounding the keynote of the meet, Mr. Wilson stirred his audience by de-

tion to the fact that, as far as I know, no American Negro has been charged with treason or with dangerous subversive activities. We cannot say as much of all of our citizens."

On Wednesday the stellar event was the "Forty Years of Progress" pageant, dramatized by the grand temple, showing the progress of the women's order over two decades.

All 1941 grand lodge officers were unanimously reelected. Among five recommendations, presented by Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson, considered outstanding was one urging that certified public accountants be employed to examine all financial accounts of lodges and temples that have 100 or more members.

Alabama Pythians Report Gains At Annual Meeting

By MATTIE B. ROWE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Alabama Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias closed its fifty-fifth annual session here Wednesday, June 24, following the election of officers and designation of a place for the next grand lodge.

At the time the grand lodge was in session, the Grand Court, Order of Calanthe, headed by Mrs. Epsie J. Wood of Birmingham, held its annual meeting.

Both conventions were largely attended with delegates from every section of the state, and visitors and supreme lodge officers from other states.

High points of the session were reports of the grand lodge and endowment officers. For the first time in a number of years, reports of the grand keeper of records and seal and of the endowment secretary-treasurer indicated a substantial increase of membership, and a decrease in the death rate.

In his message Grand Chancellor Oscar W. Adams called attention to the worthwhile institutions of the race group, and placed great emphasis on church organizations and fraternal orders as carried on and supported by Negro people.

The public program was held at Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion church on Tuesday night where the delegates and visitors were entertained with welcoming addresses and music by the Metropolitan church choir, and later a banquet was served to several hundred persons.

Officers of the grand lodge for the new year, are: past grand chancellor, L. J. Lewis, Birmingham; grand chancellor, Oscar W. Adams, Birmingham; vice grand chancellor, W. A. Martin, Auburn; grand prelate, Rev. J. H. Magwood, Birmingham; grand keeper of records and seal, A. G. Benning, Birmingham; grand master, E. G. Moore, Birmingham; grand master at arms, A. L. Davenport, Bir-

mingham; grand outer guard, Will McGhee, Bessemer; grand inner-guard, W. A. Stover, Birmingham; grand medical registrar, Dr. A. S. Mitchell, Birmingham; grand marshal, Henry Matthews, Evergreen.

Board of directors: Sylvester Pears, Mobile; E. B. Clarke, Gadsden; Tracy Pruitt, Sheffield; T. D. Mitchell, Maben; H. D. Morris, Brundidge; A. J. Robinson, Birmingham; Jesse Harris, Opelike; R. A. Ross, Montgomery; John Nicholson, Florala.

Board of Endowment: George Dobbs, Birmingham; George W. Toliver, Bessemer; David Kelley, Huntsville; A. G. Gaston, Birmingham and H. Strawbridge, secretary-treasurer, Birmingham. L. J. Lewis and E. G. Moore are supreme representatives.

Officers elected by the Grand Court of Calanthe are: Mrs. Epsie J. Wood, grand worthy counsellor, Birmingham; Mrs. M. L. Broughton, Mobile, grand worthy inspectrix; Mrs. Marina Autrey, Evergreen, grand orator; Miss M. L. Kilpatrick, grand secretary-treasurer, Birmingham; Miss Mattie B. Rowe, grand recorder of accounts, Birmingham; Mrs. Adline Thomas, grand senior directress, Pritchard; Mrs. Eula Duncan Murray, junior directress, Brookside; Mrs. Alice Beavers, grand conductress, Birmingham; Mrs. Estella Feagin, assistant conductress, Maben; Mrs. Ella E. Adams, grand escort, Birmingham; Mrs. Rosa Kellogg, grand herald, Birmingham; Mrs. Nettle O. Parham, grand worthy inspector, Sheffield; Mrs. Emma J. Parrish, grand protector, Flat Creek; Mrs. Essie B. Mitchell, grand juvenile matron, Maben, Ala.

The Board of Directors: Mrs. M. A. Williams, Mobile; Mrs. Jennie B. Carter, Eutaw; Mrs. Jennie Wood, Birmingham, and Mrs. Mollie Walker, Brookside.

The grand lodge and grand court will meet in Birmingham on the fourth Tuesday in June, 1943.

ALL OFFICERS "Birmingham World" REELECTED BY Birmingham, Ala. ALA. MASONS

(By OSCAR W. ADAMS)

MOBILE, Ala.—The Sixty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall affiliation, opened in Mobile, Alabama, Tuesday morning, July 21, with the largest delegation ever established in the history of the institution. According to W. M. Martin, recording secretary, there were between seven and eight hundred past masters, representing every section of Alabama, and distinguished Masons and leaders of other states in attendance. These past masters represented 14,592 members in the Alabama jurisdiction.

All sessions of the Grand Lodge were held in the State Street AME Zion Church, corner of State and Lawrence streets.

Citizens of Mobile and the craft gave the delegates and visitors a happy welcome on Monday night, when a program of addresses and music was rendered. Special Deputy J. C. Collier was master of ceremonies. The president of the City Commission, made the welcome address on behalf of the City of Mobile. Other speakers were, Grand Master J. L. Webb of Mississippi; Rev. I. H. Bonner of Mobile; Dr. E. T. Belsaw of Mobile; James Lopez of Mobile, Nathaniel Dias and Mrs. Anna Washington of Mobile.

President H. C. Council Trenholm of the State Teachers College at Montgomery made response to the welcome addresses and the State Street Church Choir rendered music for the occasion.

REPORTS SHOW GROWTH

The feature of the first day's session was the annual address and report of Grand Master Charles V. Hendley. In his message, Hendley, Huntsville; Deputy Grand Master, Ligon A. Wilson, Snow Hill; Grand Senior Warden, A. P. Mack, Tuskegee Institute; Grand Junior Warden, J. Q. Pinkney, Mobile; Grand Secretary, H. C. Ball, Montgomery; Grand Treasurer, A. H. Williams, Union Springs; Endowment Secretary, Fred C. Jenkins, Birmingham; Endowment Treasurer, Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Mo-

substantial degree. He spoke fervently and convincingly of the present world war, and expressed the practices of Hitler and those who share his views. In the closing section of his message, he pleaded for tolerance on the part of everyone, and cited examples of the kind of tolerance necessary as expressed in Holy Writ as well as in secular life.

The message was punctuated throughout with expressions of loyalty, patriotism and good will. Other reports were made by Deputy Grand Master Ligon A. Wilson of Snow Hill, Alabama; Grand Secretary, H. C. Ball, Montgomery; Grand Treasurer, A. H. Williams of Union Springs. The Auditing Committee of the Grand Lodge Department.

The Endowment Officers, in their reports, showed that \$122,000 had been collected from the membership and other operations of the Endowment Department, and that there was an increase of cash over last year of \$28,142.97. The assets of the Endowment Department, according to Auditor W. H. Carter, are \$655,296.48, and the liquid assets, \$100,333.52. There were 199 deaths during the year just closed. These reports were made by Endowment Secretary Fred C. Jenkins of Birmingham, and Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Endowment Treasurer of Mobile.

It was Dr. A. B. McKenzie of Tuscaloosa, who carried off the first prize for making the largest increase of any of the seventeen districts; and District No. 17 headed by Dr. H. C. Fern, has the largest membership.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
There was not a single vacant space in the State Street Church on Monday night. Grand Master Hendley conducted a memorial service, honoring the 199 deceased members who passed during the fraternal year. The services were solemn and interesting from the beginning to the close.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Late Wednesday the entire staff of officers were re-elected. They are: Grand Master, Charles V. Hendley, Huntsville; Deputy Grand Master, Ligon A. Wilson, Snow Hill; Grand Senior Warden, A. P. Mack, Tuskegee Institute; Grand Junior Warden, J. Q. Pinkney, Mobile; Grand Secretary, H. C. Ball, Montgomery; Grand Treasurer, A. H. Williams, Union Springs; Endowment Secretary, Fred C. Jenkins, Birmingham; Endowment Treasurer, Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Mo-

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million dollars in assets, said Auditor Carter, without outstanding obligations.

Charles V. Hendley, of Huntsville, was re-elected grand master. Other officers elected were, Ligon A. Wilson, of Snow Hill, deputy grand master; A. P. Meek, of Tuskegee Institute, grand senior warden; J. K. Pinkney, of Mobile, grand junior warden; A. H. Williams, of Union Springs, grand treasurer; H. C. Ball, of Montgomery, grand secretary; A. B. McKenzie, of Tuscaloosa, grand medical registrar; E. Thomas Belsaw, of Mobile, grand endowment treasurer; Fred G. Jenkins, of Birmingham, grand endowment secretary; H. Council Trenholm, of Montgomery grand trustee; A. W. West, of Montgomery, grand trustee; and H. C. Fearn, of Huntsville, grand trustees.

Features of the meeting included appearance of John L. Webb, grand master for Mississippi and highlight of the sessions his address on cardinal principals of Masonry and Christianity.

The Lodge of Sorrow was presided over by Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods, of Mobile; Two veterans on the roll of dead were Luther Vanhouse and D. C. Brayboy.

Addresses from the floor were led by Past Grand Senior Warden Frank Hill, of Montgomery; J. D. Reed of Tuskegee Institute; H. H. Hawkins, and P. D. Davis.

Among committee reports was a recommendation for sustenance for Grand Lecturer Humphrey, one of the oldest officers, in point of service in the state body.

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Alabama Masons Have Assets Of \$655,296

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gave a story in which it was shown that during this period, the organization has more than doubled its membership and increased its financial resources.

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Omegas Reduce Formal Social Affairs For 1942 Alphas For 2nd Term

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by the two chapters.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The Omega Psi Phi fraternity meeting in its thirtieth annual conclave here December 27-31, voted unanimously to cancel all unnecessary formal social affairs for the duration of the national emergency.

This, and two other recommendations having to do with national defense, were adopted during the closing hours of the four-day meeting, which was attended by delegates from 32 states.

The conclave authorized the supreme council of the fraternity to invest all resources of its treasury, not needed for operating expenses of the fraternity, in the purchase of Defense Bonds, and elected George W. Goodman, executive secretary of the Washington Urban League, director of Emergency Projects adopted by the conclave to aid the defense effort. The projects were championed by Goodman on the conclave floor.

The vote authorizing the purchase of defense bonds followed a stirring plea for such cooperation by Jesse O. Thomas, staff assistant defense savings staff.

Thomas, former vice grand basileus of the fraternity, speaking at the public meeting of the fraternity held in the Indiana World War Memorial on Sunday, urged his brothers to lead the way in investing its resources in Government Defense Bonds.

Appearing on the same program with Thomas was Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, senior specialist, Social Jeus; Mifflin T. Gibbs, vice-grand basileus, New York; George A. Isabell, grand keeper of records and seal, Detroit; J. B. Blayton, grand keeper of finance, Atlanta, and Frederick S. Weaver, editor-in-chief of the Oracle, Washington, D. C.

The next annual session of the fraternity will be held in Washington, D. C., with Alpha and Alpha Omega chapters serving as hosts. The grand marshal is to be elected

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONDITIONS CITED

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 9.—Announcements are being released to undergraduate and graduate chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity regarding conditions for application for \$1,000 in scholarship aid and \$700 in fellowship aid which will be available for members of the fraternity during the school year of 1942-43.

Applications are to be received at the office of President H. Council Trenholm, of Alabama State Teachers College, who is director of educational activities for the fraternity. All applications must be postmarked not later than April 1 to be considered by the education foundation of the fraternity at its April meeting.

The program of scholarship and fellowship aid was initiated by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in the school year 1928-29. Within the past 14 years, a total of \$13,350 has been given to 102 persons to assist them in study or to aid in the publication costs of significant research or scholarly production. Twenty-six Negro colleges and 22 universities have been attended by members of the organization who have received these scholarship grants.

The most recent award was made a week ago when the education foundation of the fraternity authorized a grant-in-aid of \$500 to James Porter, of the faculty of Howard University, to assist in the publication costs of "The Negro in Art," which is ready for submission to the printers.

FRATERNITIES
Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Logan To Head Alphas For 2nd Term

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MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(SNS)—Dr. Rayford W. Logan, head of the History Department of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was elected for a second term as president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, during the Twenty-Ninth General Convention of this organization in Louisville, Ky., December 27-31st.

The noted historian, who succeeded Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean of the Graduate School of the University, at the memorable tri-partite convention in Kansas City, Mo., 1940, when the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Kappa Psi, the Alphas held their respective sessions under one roof at the Municipal Auditorium, also one of the two public speakers in Louisville. Wesley, a native Kentuckian, whose honor the public meeting was dedicated, was the other guest speaker.

NO MAJOR CHANGES

Gearing their machinery to wartime conditions, delegates to the Louisville convention decided to make no major changes in the official personnel, preferring instead officers whose experience can be counted upon to meet exigencies of these turbulent times. One important change was that of Eastern Vice President, presiding officer of the Eastern Jurisdiction, Andrew J. Tyler, of New York City, succeeded Roger F. Gordon, of Philadelphia. Other officers returned to their posts were Attorney Bert A. McDonald, City Deputy, Los Angeles, Calif.; Western Vice-President; John W. Fleming, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mid-Western Vice President; Ferdinand L. Rousseve, head of the Art Department, Xavier University, New Orleans, La., Southern Vice-President; Joseph H. B. Evans, Assistant Informational Adviser, NYA, Washington, D. C., General Secretary; Dr. Farrow R. Allen, prominent surgeon of New York City, General Treasurer; Lewis O. Swingler, editor of the Memphis World, Memphis, Tenn., and editor of the Sphinx Magazine, of

special publication of the Fraternity; Dr. H. Council Trenholm, president of Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery, Director of Education; Attorney Belford V. Lawson, brilliant young Washington, D. C. lawyer, General Counsel.

Following the precedent set by the Kansas City convention in 1940, the Fraternity again named three undergraduate members of the organization as Lay Members of the Executive Council. Thomas E. Kelley, student at Wilberforce University, was reelected for a second term, while William Patrick, Howard University, and Charles Proctor, Fisk University, were named as successors to James A. Robinson, Jr., of Los Angeles, and Edward W. Brooke, of Washington, D. C. Young Brooke, because of the distinguished service rendered the Fraternity as Director of the Sphinx Club Bureau, and potential service he is in line to render his country as lieutenant in the United States Army, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Executive Council. Lieut. Brooke spent his Christmas vacation from Fort Devens, Mass., attending the Alpha Phi Alpha convention, as did several other young men of the organization. They were attired in their military uniforms... and their presence brought closer to the approximately three hundred delegates and visitors the realization of America's participation in World War II.

KENTUCKY'S FIRST CONCLAVE

All five chapters in Kentucky worked together in bringing for the first time in the history of Alpha Phi Alpha, a general session of that body to the Bluegrass State. They were Alpha Lambda, Louisville, first graduate chapter to be established by the Fraternity; Alpha Beta Lambda, Lexington; Gamma Beta Lambda, Frankfort; Alpha Pi, Louisville; and Beta Mu, Kentucky State College.

Business sessions were held in America's oldest city college, the University of Louisville. This was the first time that any Negro organization had held a convention

on the campus of this institution.
TO CHICAGO IN 1942

Chicago's score of delegates made a successful bid for the Thirtieth General Convention, scheduled to be held December of this year. Host chapters will be Theta and Xi Lambda. This convention will be Chicago's first since the Educational Foundation Session during the summer of 1931. Luther S. Peck, Attorneys Sidney Brown Bindley Cyrus and Charles F. Lane were leaders of the Chicago delegations.

LOUISVILLE MAYOR SPEAKS

Highlighting the first day's meetings were key addresses by Mayor Wilson Wyatt, who extended greetings on behalf of Louisville; President Logan, on the topic, "The Negro and National Defense"; Dr. Wesley, on the convention theme, "The Negro and the New World Society." A capacity audience turned out to Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church and heard the two Howard University educators' stirring messages on pressing problems facing the Negro in times of world strife.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bolan Ramsey extended greetings on behalf of representatives of the Pan-Hellenic Council of Louisville, and Eastern Vice President Gordon gave the response.

Detailed phases of the public meeting, particularly relative to the Negro in the National Defense Program, were further discussed at the Symposium held in the Administration Building Beecher Terrace Housing Project Monday night, December 29th. Blyden Jackson, teacher of English, Madison Junior High School Louisville, served as chairman of the Symposium. Dr. Felton G. Clark, president of Southern University, Scotlandville, was principal speaker at the Symposium.

Other speakers at the convention were Jewel George B. Kelley of Troy, New York, one of the seven founders of Alpha Phi Alpha; Guest Founder's address; Dr. Charles H. Garvin, of Cleveland Ohio, Past President, Convention Address; and Dr. W. F. Jerrick of Philadelphia, one of two Life Members, Fraternity Address. Dr. Jerrick has been president of the Chapter, Philadelphia, for twenty-six years.

Omegas Prepare For Tuskegee Regional

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Pittsburgh Courier

Pittsburgh Pa.

TUSKEGEE, Mar. 19 (ANP)—Chapters of the Seventh district, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, are busy preparing for the regional conference to be held at Tuskegee institute April 24 and 25. Theme of the conference will be "The Negro in the National Emergency," and plans for integrating the Negro into national defense as well as techniques for meeting problems which will face the group in the post-war period will be discussed.

Prince P. Barker, specialist in psychiatry at the U. S. Veterans' facility, will be the principal speaker on the public program Saturday, April 25, and there will be a forum on the theme of the conference to be led by Thurman L. Dodson of Washington. Frederick Weaver, editor-in-chief of the Oracle, national Omega publication, has already expressed his intention of being present at the meeting.

The Seventh district comprises the States of Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, under direction of M. R. Austell of Atlanta. There are 110 chapters in this district, all of whom are expected to be represented at the conference.

One of the outstanding features of the meeting will be the presentation of the outstanding Omega man for 1941 from each chapter in the district in line with the achievement project of the fraternity. Each chapter has been requested to select the outstanding member in its locality and have him present at the meeting. There will also be an award to the chapter which has carried out the best program for the past year.

Last year the conference was held at Augusta, Ga., and at that time Eta Omega, graduate chapter, Atlanta, was given the award for the best program, with Sigma Phi, Montgomery, Ala., being cited for second best.

Social events for this April meeting will include a formal dance at Logan hall, on the institute campus, and a closed smoker, the former coming Friday evening and the latter on Saturday evening.

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Chicago, Illinois

DR. BARKER TO SPEAK AT 5TH ANNUAL MEET

APR 25 1942
Four States Of Seventh District To Send Delegates

TUSKEGEE—(ANP)—Dr. Prince Patanilla Barker, specialist in neuropsychiatry. U. S. Veterans facility, Tuskegee, will be the principal speaker on the public program of the fifth annual district conference of the seventh district, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Saturday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m., at Tuskegee institute.

The theme of the conference is "The Negro in the National Emergency," and there will also be a forum discussion, to be led by Thurman L. Dodson of Washington, D. C. The meeting will be attended by Alexander Looby of Nashville attorney and grand basileus; Mifflin T. Gibbs, New York City, vice grand basileus; Frederick S. Weaver, editor-in-chief of the Omega Oracle, and J. B. Blayton, grand keeper of finances, Atlanta.

Nineteen chapters make up the seventh district, covering the states of Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, all of which are expected to be represented. Atlanta alone will send representatives from five chapters, and each chapter is to select an outstanding member to be presented to the district conference as having made the greatest contribution to his community and Omega.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Omegas To Gather At Tuskegee Friday Night

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Delegates from four states and many members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, will wend their way to Tuskegee Institute this week-end to attend the Fifth Annual Regional Conference of the Seventh District of the Fraternity which begins Friday evening, April 24.

Registration and a formal dance will be the only events for Friday, whereas the business sessions will begin Saturday morning. The meeting will be under the direction of M. R. Austell of Atlanta, Ga. District Representative. Four members of the Supreme Council of the fraternity are expected to be present: Z. Alexander Looby of Nashville, Tenn., Grand Basileus; Mifflin T. Gibbs, New York City, Vice Grand Basileus; J. B. Blayton, Atlanta, Grand Keeper of Finance, and Frederick S. Weaver, Washington, D. C., Editor in Chief of the Oracle.

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For the public program beginning at 1:30 P. M. Saturday, Dr. Prince P. Barker, Specialist in Neuropsychiatry at the U. S. Veterans Facility will be the principal speaker, and Thurman L. Dodson, Washington, D. C., attorney will preside at a forum on the subject: "The Negro in the National Emergency."

Saturday night there will be an informal smoker to close the session, which promises to be one of the most interesting in the history of the Seventh District.

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GENERAL

Sororities And Fraternities, Their Sacred Duties.

At the last meeting of the Chicago Pan-Hellenic Council the delegates from the eight Greek-letter sororities and fraternities endorsed a proposal to sponsor a conference dealing with the racial problems in the present emergency of global affairs. Whether they follow up the proposal will have to be determined by the development of subsequent events. But, suffice it to say that it would appear to us an imperative duty of the sororities and fraternities who boast of having the best brains of the country in their membership to do something toward recognizing the problems of race and color in the world conflict and its resulting effect upon the destiny of the American Negro. It would appear to us that they should concern themselves with the many problems that the colored people are now undergoing as well as the new gains that they are now making and how best to obtain other gains.

It is reasonable to look to leadership where it should be found. If sororities and fraternities are to justify their existence they should now be geared to a program which recognizes the most unusual period for their members in their history.

A few years ago when the question of sponsoring a conference was brought up many people would give a sigh of relief upon defeat of the suggestion. They saw nothing in conferences save the opportunity of certain people to expound their ideals upon impatient ears. Dances and parties played a greater part in their sphere of interests than did the hum-drum monotony of a confab to solve the problems of the world. Those days have passed away. People know better now and those who do not court a newer idea may find relief based upon modern psychiatric research. Nov. 29, 1942

We have observed through the months conferences called by groups which claimed no monopoly on intelligence but which followed through on programs that secured jobs now held by a good deal of sorority women and fraternity men. Of course, a few of the fraternity members aided in these conferences but, by and large they were motivated and supported by persons who wore no Phi Beta Kappa keys and

didn't boast college degrees.

It would appear to us that now is the time for the college-trained people to realize what is happening in the world and to make efforts to not only salvage a part of the spoils—but secure the many gains which are present for those who know how to get them, and when.

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**AKA's Go
Home Tired
But Happy**

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority closed its four-day National Conclave with keen realization of its responsibilities in this time of crisis. The continuous thread of the theme, "All for Defense and Defence for All" was skillfully woven throughout the entire program, beginning with the public meeting on Sunday at the Irvine Auditorium on the University of Pennsylvania campus.

Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, the National President as guest speaker used as her subject, Alpha Kappa Alpha Reconstructs While Defending." She pointed out that fortunately AKA has not waited to be bombed by the enemy to blast them into a realization of the basic need for continually reconstructing and defending a way of life worthy of the civilization we boast and the principles they glorify. Showing how they need only reconstruct their activities in order to be suitably adapted to the National Emergency.

Two Workshops

The theme was further developed by two workshops: the first being "All for Defense." Guest speakers were: Miss Eleanor Davis of the Consumer Committee of the Philadelphia Defense Council, Mrs. Jane S. Williams of the Department of Nutrition, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Percy C. Maderia of the Philadelphia Office of Civilian Defense, and William Pickens of the Treasury Department, who discussed the buying of Defense Bonds. The second was "Defense for All," and had as speakers Mrs. Rachel Davis Dubois, Director of Workshop of Intercultural Education, New York University, and Maurice B. Fagan, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Anti-Defamation Council. Both sections were stimulating and challenging.

The enthusiasm with which these sorors followed the programs outlined for them was demonstrated when they voted that \$9,500 be used in the functioning of the sorority's national projects among which are its Washington lobbying for legislation of benefit to Negro women; and its continuance of its public health and sanitation project in the deep South.

Also, before the boulevards reached its end, the sorors had purchased over \$5000 worth of national defense bonds.

More than four hundred women from all over the country attended

the Twenty-fourth Annual Boule. Nashville, Tenn., Chapter will be the hostesses for the 1942 sessions.

Co-chairing this momentous convention were, Miss Ruth A. Scott and Mrs. Irene Williams Long, local school teachers.

DR. FEREBEE DECLINES RE-ELECTION

Amid a tremendous ovation which included persuasion by special committee to reconsider her desire to decline a third term, Dr. Ferebee graciously refused an election by acclamation. In grateful appreciation of the excellence of her administration the 150 chapters of the organization presented her a beautiful silver tea service as a token of esteem. In addition to the traditional pearls given each retiring president, a lovely brooch was also presented to Dr. Ferebee.

New Officers

Elected to succeed her was Mrs. Beulah Whitby of Detroit. Mrs. Whitby was first vice-president. Other officers for the 1942 term are: 1st Anti-Basileus, Mrs. Louise McDonald, of New York City; 2nd Anti-Basileus, Miss Rosetta Nolan, Kansas City, Kansas, Supreme Grammateus, Mrs. Irma F. Clarke, Supreme Tamochus, Mrs. Ethel H. Lyle, Supreme Epistoleus; Mrs. Trussie Smothers, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Zelma Watson Duke, Editor of the Ivy Leaf, Miss Zetella Turner.

Regional Directors: Northern Atlantic, Dr. Mary Wright, South Atlantic, Miss Margaret Adams; Great Lakes, Miss Juanita Webster; Southeastern, Miss Manilla Hickman; Central, Mrs. Blanche Patterson; South Central, Miss Mary Odum, and Far Western, Mrs. Manilla Smith.

A Colored Judge

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois
Elsie Austin

Renamed Delta
National Head

St. Louis To Be Scene
Of 1942 Meet

DETROIT, Mich.—The election of officers at the sixteenth national biennial convention of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, which was held here December 26-30, resulted in the renaming of Miss Elsie Austin, brilliant Washington, D. C. attorney as national president. Officers were installed at the closed banquet Tuesday evening of the convention week.

Myra Hemmings, San Antonio, Texas, succeeded Mae Downs, of Baltimore, Md. as vice president. Miss Hemmings is one of the sorority founders and retired from her office. Mary Nightingale, Washington, was re-elected secretary. She had formerly been appointed to fill that office, following the death of Edna Kinchion. Beatrice Penman, Kansas City, Kansas, treasurer and Edna Johnson Morris, Gary, Ind., historian, were re-elected; and Victoria McCall, Detroit, Mich., succeeded Frances Durden Griffin of Houston, Texas as journalist.

The convention chairman was Mignon Walker Brown.

To Meet Annually

In its effort to make this one of the most progressive Greek letter organizations, Delta Sigma Theta has decided to meet annually instead of biennially, as it has done for the past several years. The next convention will begin December 27, 1942 in St. Louis, Mo.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the sorority during the past two years, special awards were made to various chapters and regions. The trophy for the best chapter history, compiled in scrapbook form, was awarded Eta Sigma chapter, Oklahoma City. An essay on the history of Tau and Alpha Pi Sigma chapters, Detroit, written by Mayme Alexander and Helen Thomas, brought them first honors, a sorority pin. A book of Defense Stamps, as second prize, went to Alpha Alpha chapter for its essay. Beta Omicron chapter, Knoxville, Tenn. won the trophy for the greatest number of life members, seven in all. To Tulsa went the chapter award, since its members were outstanding in defense and civic activities. They have "adopted" a set of twins, provided insulin for a diabetic and have given liberal scholarships to worthy students and substantial financial aid to such institutions as Moten Memorial hospital, the Open Air school at Tulsa and the N.A.A.C.P. They assisted in registering one thousand people for civilian defense and bought \$50 worth of Defense Bonds. The Midwest region, which Madeline Robinson of Cincinnati, directs, received the regional award. It had the largest attendance at the convention and among its collective achievements are a day nursery at Toledo, Ohio; a youth council in Chicago; and a cancer control project in Detroit.

SORORITIES

Non-Partisan Council Focusing Attention On The Negro Youth

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The week of February 22 has been set aside as "The Negro Youth in National Defense" week by the National Non-Partisan Council of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

The purpose of this week is to focus attention on the welfare of our youth—the men and women of tomorrow. How and where they live, what kind of families they have, how healthy they are. How and where they play, what kind of schools they have, and under what conditions they work.

Every Negro child in America is important, because he is the citizen of the nation's future. In 1962, these children now growing up will be the fathers, mothers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, mechanics, artisans, farmers of our nation. A ragged urchin may grow to be a great scientist or inventor, who will add billions of dollars to the nation's wealth. He may be a criminal who will cost the nation millions, or he might be an ordinary citizen—it all depends on his growth, development, education and services rendered him in 1942 and future years.

Many of our children live in slum neighborhoods in dwellings that are not fit places for them. Many of these dwellings are rickety, leaky and unsanitary. Communities must be made aware of the dangers of bad housing. Low-cost housing programs encouraged by the government must be utilized by every community.

Thousands of children die from lack of the proper medical care. The birth rate of Negroes is higher than that of other groups, yet, because of unhealthy living conditions, the death rate is also higher. In the communities, local public health services for all children should be expanded.

Every child needs play — Youth requires recreation to train both mind and body, to meet the need for comradeship, and to develop ability to co-operate with others in work as well as play. A large extension of recreational facilities for Negro youth is needed.

Work opportunities for youth — Federal, state and local governments should provide work projects for youth over 16 and not in school who cannot obtain employment. Such work should be useful, entailing possibly the production of some of the goods and services needed by young people themselves and other unemployed persons.

Development and extension of the programs for youth which have

been carried on by the National Youth Administration and by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Development of community and nation-wide efforts to increase opportunities for young persons in private employment through the co-operation of employers, organized labor, farm organizations, parents, civic groups, and young people themselves.

Often Negro youth receive an unequal share in education, especially in the South. There is a shocking difference between the amount of money provided for white children and Negro children. The state of Georgia spends an average of \$35.42 for each white pupil against \$6.38 for each Negro child. In Mississippi the figures are \$45.34 for each white child against \$5.45 for the Negro child. Democracy requires that every child be given an equal opportunity in education.

The National Non-Partisan Council of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority urges the extension of proved methods of protection to all the children in the country. We feel that the cost of protection of our youth now is much less than the cost that will flow from neglect of their welfare.

Negro children and children of minority groups suffer under severe handicaps. Their parents are often ill-paid or unemployed. They often receive unequal share in school, health, recreation, medical care, etc. Democracy is endangered when these people are shut off from full participation in the life of America. They may grow up feeling that America is hostile to them because of their color or their race.

They are asking all citizens and groups to observe Negro youth in National Defense Week. We are asking further that a constant effort be made to secure a fair chance for racial and national minorities. We believe that the health, welfare and safety of our youth are necessary to efficiency and productiveness, and that there should be no abridgment of them.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Listen America Week Planned to Show Other Side of Picture

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WASHINGTON

With the hope that white Americans will become more concerned about the problems and attitudes of its colored neighbors if it knows those problems, the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has announced a "Listen America Week," November 21-27, in which it will speak its mind to the country.

Mrs. Thomasina W. Johnson, legislative representative of the council, said this week that the 5,000 members of the organization are already making plans to write letters to the press, to government bureaus, members of Congress, expressing opinions and calling for action on matters affecting the group on the local, State and national fronts.

Nation-wide Drive

Said Mrs. Johnson:

"It may be paving a street in Gainesville, Fla.; getting enough qualified colored persons in useful positions in a government bureau; making America understand our position in America; converting anti-colored persons to a democratic attitude toward colored people; pointing out the opportunities for blasting the white supremacy myth; pointing out that the test of democracy in America is a test of color; pointing out that we cannot win the confidence of our darker allies until the colored people of America are part of our American democracy; and gently ridiculing the undemocratic, unscientific and ridiculous custom of discrimination."

Sets Forth Requests

In its resolutions to inaugurate the project, the council expressed the belief that America is fair-minded, and that it will treat its colored citizens fairly if properly informed, but that their story has not been told in full to white America.

Among requests made will be:

That we be allowed to put into this war the skills that we have that this nation needs. We are still being discriminated against in war industries;

That we can fight better in an American Army, not a colored army;

That we want to go into an American navy, not a colored

navy;

That we want to go into the American WAVES, not be excluded;

That we want the Four Freedoms right here in America, then we will have the heart to fight for the Four Freedoms for the Poles, the Czechs and the Slovenes;

That we don't want to be lynched, and segregated; and

That we are tired of exploitation and disfranchisement, and inferior schools and being politically lynched.

Non-partisan Council still feels that America is fairminded, and would treat colored fairly if thoroughly informed of conditions. Sets November 21-27 as date to tell its story to country.—